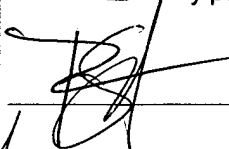
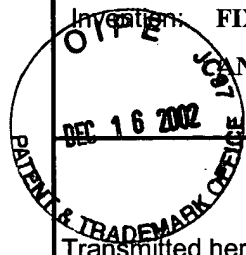


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In response to the Restriction Requirement dated December 3, 2002, Applicant elects Group I, which includes claims 1-2 and 12-17 and relates to a method for fastening a building board, for continued prosecution without traverse.

Applicant believes this reply to be fully responsive to all outstanding issues. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, do not hesitate to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591 (Reference Number 06756.006001).

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